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AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN LEGAL DRAFTSMAN

REF: STATE 254934

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. GOL HAS NOT ASKED U.S. MISSION OFFICIALS HERE FOR ASSISTANCE IN FINDING REPLACEMENT FOR LEGAL DRAFTSMAN, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL RECENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOL OFFICIALS TO DO SO.

2. INFORMAL INQUIRIES AMONG RELIABLE SOURCES DURING PAST WEEK LEAD US TO BELIEVE GOL HAS LET CONTRACTS OF NOT ONLY LEGAL DRAFTSMEN BUT ALSO OF SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALS HOLDING POSITIONS AS ATTORNEY GENERAL AND LEGAL ASSISTANT IN LAW OFFICE LAPSE AS MATTER OF GOL POLICY. THESE THREE OFFICERS APPARENTLY HAVE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME THEIR CONTRACTS MIGHT NOT BE RENEWED AND THEY HAVE FOUND OTHER EMPLOYMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA. ACCORDING OUR INFORMATION, GOL HAS DECIDED

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TIME HAS COME TO ATTEMPT TO FILL THESE SENSITIVE POSITIONS

WITH NON-SOUTH AFRICANS WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AT ALL TO EFFECT SAG HAD A HAND IN WITHDRAWING SECONDED OFFICERS AND TEND TO DOUBT THIS IS CASE.

3. RAND DAILY MAIL ON DEC. 7 REPORTED THAT DEPARTURE OF THREE OFFICIALS WAS RESULT OF PRIME MINISTER JONATHAN'S DECISION TO GET RID OF ALL SOUTH AFRICAN EXPATRIATES. JONATHAN STRONGLY DENIED RDM STORY. AT FAREWELL PARTY FOR THREE ON DEC 12, HE SAID LESOTHO SINCERELY APPRECIATED GOOD WORK THREE HAD DONE, BUT THAT THEIR CONTRACTS HAD BEEN FULFILLED.

4. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, WE CANNOT CORROBORATE MANARE'S ALLEGATION THAT DEPARTURE OF LEGAL DRAFTSMAN REPRESENTS POLITICAL RETALIATION BY SAG. RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT CONSIDER ADVISING MANARE THAT BEST POSSIBILITY OF U.S. ASSISTING IN FINDING REPLACEMENT FOR LEGAL DRAFTSMAN WOULD BE THROUGH RECRUITMENT BY PEACE CORPS, AND THAT IF GOL INTERESTED IN THIS POSSIBILITY, IT SHOULD MAKE REQUEST, INCLUDING COMPLETE JOB DESCRIPTION, DIRECTLY TO PC LESOTHO.

5. IF DEPARTMENT STILL PREFERS, HOWEVER, EMBASSY WILL TAKE INITIATIVE IN APPROACHING GOL HERE FOR INFORMATION ON DRAFTSMAN POSITION.
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